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Mr. James S. Birsic
Vice President – Health, Safety,
Environment & Law
200 Neville Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15225-1690

Subject: Desulfurization Plant
Solvent Replacement Evaluation

Dear Mr. Birsic:

We have reviewed your letter, dated July 26, 2004, proposing an evaluation of a formulated solvent solution (methyldiethanolamine - MDEA) to possibly replace the currently used solvent solution (monoethanolamine - MEA) in the Sulfiban portion of the coke oven gas desulfurization facility. The Department approves your ten-day trial to evaluate the proposed MDEA solution as described in your letter. In addition, as per Section VII.B.11 of the June 2000 Consent Decree, the Department approves your request for six additional days of scheduled maintenance time associated with the trial.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact William Clark at 412-578-8136 or me at 412-578-7963.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.E. Thompson".

James E. Thompson
Section Chief - Enforcement

c: Roger C. Westman
Sandra L. Etzel
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Judith M. Katz, Director
Air Protection Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

Dear Judy:

At this time there are no commercial or military shipbuilding or ship repair facilities in Allegheny County that are subject to the Control Techniques Guidelines. As such we have not adopted regulations specifically to control VOC emissions due to surface coating operations from this category of sources.

If you need additional information please contact me at 412-578-8103 or email me at rwestman@achd.net.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Roger".
Roger C. Westman
Manager